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Condit

Bible Records in possession of Miss Helen Condit

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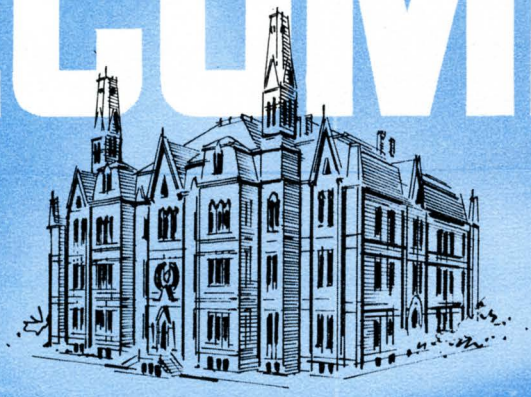

Indiana State Normal School 1870

Condit House 1860

ALUMNI CENTER

The Condit House

LOCATED at 629 Mulberry Street in 1860 in Terre Haute was a fine brick structure belonging to Mr. Lucien Houriet, a jeweler and watchmaker.

Mr. Houriet had the house built by a Mr. Hedden who lived on the corner of Mulberry and Sixth Streets and was a plasterer by trade and a contractor by profession.

The house faced across Mulberry to the grounds of the Vigo County Seminary. At this time these grounds were open fields.

Mr. Houriet lived in the house until 1863 when he sold the magnificient structure to the Rev. Blackford Condit. Rev. Condit, pastor of the Baldwin Presbyterian Church, was a native of Sullivan County who had moved with his parents to Terre Haute in 1831.

In 1862, before he purchased the house, Rev. Condit married Miss Sarah Mills, daughter of Caleb Mills of Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana. Mr. Mills was the second superintendent of Public Instruction in Indiana and is today considered the father of public education in Indiana. He was responsible for the development of a public school system which is utilized throughout many parts of the United States today.

About the time the Condits moved into the house their twins, Charles and Charlotte, died at approximately one year of age. Other children, born in the house, were Sarah in 1864, Emma in 1865, Howe Allen 1868, Blackford 1871, Helen 1874, and Joseph Dayton 1877.

Miss Helen Condit survived the entire family and succumbed in 1962.

In 1870, only four years before Miss Helen was born at 629 Mulberry Street, Indiana State Normal School opened its doors for students.

On the morning of April 9, 1888 the Condit House looked out across Mulberry Street as flames completely destroyed the first building at Indiana State Normal School.

From the construction of the first building, the Condit house has witnessed Indiana State College's growth to a modern, well-equipped institution of higher learning serving the people of Indiana and the nation through ever improved standards of academic, social, and cultural development.

Today, with no vestige remaining of the original Normal School, the Condit House stands as a lone sentinel of time and a reminder that the view from its open door has encompassed not only the birth of Indiana State but also its very growth and maturity.

The Condit House will long remain a symbol of the rich heritage and proud history of Indiana State.

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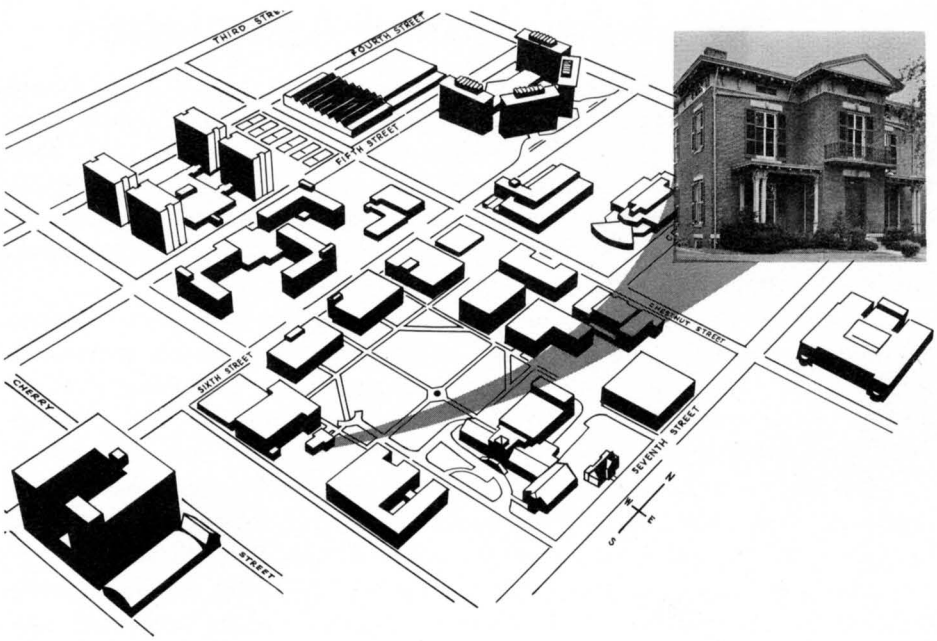

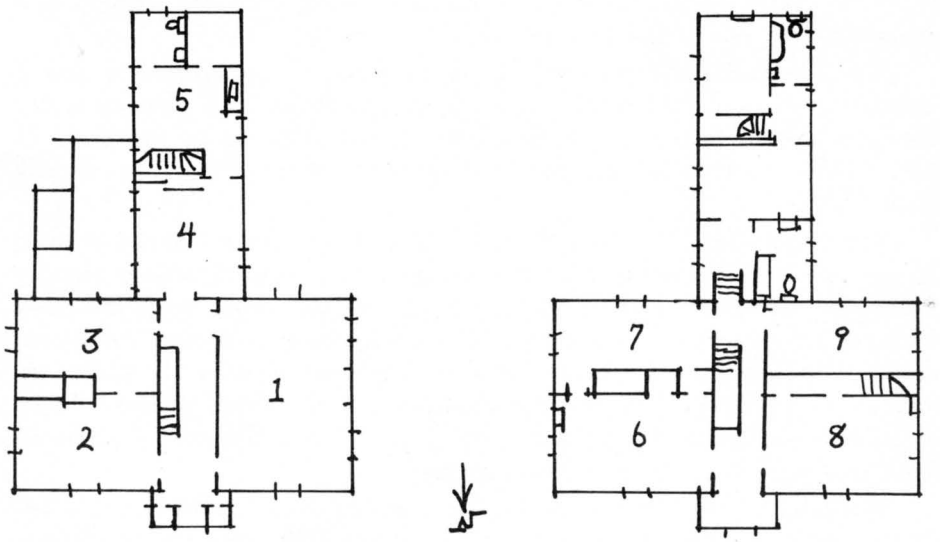

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History of the Alumni Association

THE Indiana State College Alumni Association is a relatively young organization. Although the College was established in 1870, there were no formal alumni meetings. The first president was elected in 1923. Two years later, in 1925, the first active group met at a luncheon in Indianapolis during the State Teachers Association meetings. President L. N. Hines, of the State Normal School, had announced the luncheon would be a memorial meeting for William Wood Parsons and Howard Sandison.

During the meeting it was decided to raise $25,000 by alumni to create a suitable memorial to these two men. The fund was eminently successful. In the space of one year the Memorial Chimes were purchased and are located in the tower of the Tirey Memorial Union Building. The Parsons-Sandison Loan Fund, which still assists worthy students, was established.

The luncheon has become traditional during the Teachers Association meetings. There have been 39 presidents of the Association, but no formal records were kept until the formation of the Alumni Council in 1942.

The early Association appointed a secretary from time to time, usually someone on campus who had other assignments which prevented him from performing other than perfunctory duties for the organization.

In 1947 the first Alumni Office was established with a full-time Director. Since that time it has flourished along with the growth and changing functions of the College itself.

The Association is governed by a president, vice president, and a council which is elected by the dues paying members. The Council members are elected from the eleven Congressional Districts in the State of Indiana. Four additional members are elected at large. Currently two are from Illinois.

The Association is extremely active in College affairs. It has a voice in the selection of members of the Board of Trustees, produces regular publications, keeps in contact with all graduates for whom there are mailing addresses, has two regular council meetings each year, and recognizes outstanding alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award. It stimulates interest in the institution through the medium of fifteen Alumni Clubs in Indiana and others in various parts of the United States and plays an important part in the recruitment program.

The files in the Alumni Office list approximately 19,000 current addresses for graduates. In 1923 there were only 4,700 who had graduated from the institution. By 1963 the College had graduated a total of 25,000 students.

The Alumni Association at Indiana State is coordinated completely with the institution and operates at all times within the administrative structure of the College. It assists the College in a financial way by underwriting projects for which tax dollars may not be used.

Caleb Mills - Born July 28, 1806. Died Oct 17, 1879. First teacher of Wabash College. Second Supt. of Public Instruction. He and Mrs. Sarah (Marshall) Mills - Grandparents of Miss Helen Condit

Father of Miss Helen Dondit - Mr. Blackford Condit, Presbyterian Minister in Terre Haute. Born 1829 - Died 1903

Mother of Miss Helen Dondit - Born 1838 - Died 1914 Sarah (Mills) Condit

Children of Rev. Blackford Condit:

Emma	1865 - 1891
Joseph	1877 - 1940
Howe Allen	1868 - 1935
Blackford	1871 - 1892
Sarah	1864 - 1868 (4 yrs.)
Helen	Feb. 28, 1874 - Dec. 10, 1961

2 twins, Charles O., Charlotte (died in infancy). Born 1862 died 1863 (twins)

Condit - family home since 1863 - $6000.00 purchase price. Appraisal value 1915 - $20,000.00

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PATERNAL ANCESTORS OF ALLEN CONDIT

Name	Place of Birth	Date	Marriage Date	Place of Death	Date
Howe Allen Condit	Terre Haute	1868		Terre Haute	1935
Father Blackford Condit	Sullivan County	1829	1862	Terre Haute	1903
Mother Sarah Mills	Crawfordsville, Ind.	1838	1862	Terre Haute	1914
Grandfather Daniel Dayton Condit	Hanover, New Jersey	1797	1824	Terre Haute	Jan. 24, 1877
Grandmother Charlotte Teressa Coon		1802	1824	Indianapolis	1881
Gr. Grandfather Aaron Condit	Orange, New Jersey	1765	1794	Morristown, N. J.	1851
Gr. Grandmother Mary Dayton	Elizabeth, New Jersey	1770	1794	Morristown, N. J.	1820
Gr. Gr. Grandfather Samuel Condit	Pleasant Valley, N. J.	1729	1754		1776
Gr. Gr. Grandmother Mary Smith	Orange, New Jersey	1733	1754		1770
Gr. Gr. Grandfather Samuel Condit	Newark, New Jersey	1696	1722	Pleasant Valley	1777
Gr. Gr. Grandmother Mary Dodd		1698	1722		1755
Gr. Gr. Gr. Gr'father PeterCondit	England or Wales		1695		1714
Gr. Gr. Gr. Gr'mother Mary Harrison			1695		

Gr. Gr. Gr. Gr. Grandfather John Cunditt is first known in this country in 1678. He purchased lands "in the bounds of the town of Newark," Essex County, N. J. in 1689 and 1691. John Cunditt, of Norman descent, was married first in Great Britain, where his wife died. He came to America in 1678, with his son Peter, and settled at Newark, N. J., where he married, second, Deborah.

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'Horizon of Death Just Limit of Human Vision'

Pasadena Star News Evening paper
July 8th

Dr. J. F. Scott Eulogizes Dr. Joseph D. Condit At Funeral Services For Physician

"Death is an horizon and an horizon is nothing but the limit of our human sight," said Dr. John Frank Scott, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church, in conducting funeral services this morning for Dr. Joseph D. Condit, prominent Pasadena physician and member of the Huntington Memorial Hospital medical staff.

Rites were held at the home, 284 Palmetto Drive, where Dr. Condit died Friday after a long illness.

Dr. Scott, this morning, eulogized the good life of Dr. Condit, reading from Scriptural passages selected to symbolize the character and achievements of the widely-mourned medical man.

Close friends of the beloved doctor who had resided here 36 years, were gathered about the flower-covered casket, as words and prayers of comfort were offered by the minister.

Prayer was offered for Dr. Condit's wife, Mrs. Katherine G. Condit, who with a sister, Miss Helen Condit of Terre Haute, survive him. Private services held after the service at Stevens Company in c

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Found in Condit Family Book

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FAMOUS PEOPLE—HISTORIANS.

REV. BLACKFORD CONDIT.

Rev. Blackford Condit was born August 6, 1829, in Sullivan county and died March 27, 1903. Rev. Condit was educated in Wabash college and kept in close touch with the interest of this college for twenty-five years. His "History of the English Bible" is a valuable piece of work and during its preparation he made a large collection of bibles which was the rarest and most complete collection in the state. In the collection is to be found the Crammer and the Mathews edition in black letters, published in 1549. He also possessed some of the earliest copies of the English new testament, one of them being a fac-simile of the first printed new testament translated into English by William Tyndale. Other publications of his are "Short Studies of Familiar Bible Texts" and "History of Early Terre Haute," a most interesting and authentic piece of work.

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DEATH OF CONDIT DUE TO ACCIDENT

Coroner Finds Veteran Attorney's Death Did Not Result From Suicide—Funeral Wednesday.

Coroner C. R. VanArsdall in a verdict announced Monday afternoon found that the death of Allen H. Condit, well known attorney who died Sunday evening from a bullet wound in the head, was due to an accidental shooting and not to suicide. The coroner reported that the wound was inflicted by accident while Condit was cleaning a revolver in the basement of his home at 629 Mulberry street.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the residence. Burial will be in Highland Lawn cemetery. Condit is survived by a sister, Helen Condit of Terre Haute, and a brother, Dr. Joseph Dayton, of Pasadena, Cal., who flew to Terre Haute following his brother's death.

The Vigo County Bar association has been called to meet Wednesday morning to take appropriate action on the death of Mr. Condit, one of its oldest and most respected members.

Shock to Many Friends.

The tragic death of Mr. Condit Sunday shocked his many friends in Terre Haute, where he has lived all of his life with the exception of the years during his education at the Wabash college, where the president, Caleb Mills, was his maternal grandfather.

The Condit family hsa been an outstanding one in this community, closely knitted with civic and religious affairs.

The only sister of Mr. Condit, Miss Helen Condit, has been at the head of the music department of the Central Presbyterian church for many years. During her father's ministry she shared with her sister, Miss Emma Condit, in the furthering of all music programs for regular services and for special entertainments given down through the years, during which she took the helm after the death of her sister.

The beautiful old home of the Condits on Mulberry street is about the only one which has survived the march of years on that street, which was once a row of fine residences where dwelt the first families of the city. It is outstanding in its architecture and in its furnishings.

His health has been failing the last year and when the word first went forth i was believed that perhaps that had something to do with the accident, but when the whole event was revealed a change of verdict was given.

His death stamps another passing of old families on the records of everyday life, a family which did much to build and make Terre Haute as a civic center in its early beginnings.

Allen Condit himself had lived here for 66 years and his father and his grandfather were most influential in their time. The city has lost a good citiben, his friends one who was loyalty itself, his sister a devoted brother, and outstanding.

Members of the bar have been requested to meet in the Superior Court room at the Vigo county court house Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. to adopt resolutions and make arrangements for the honoring of the memory of Mr. Condit. Members of the committee on resolutions are John T. Beasley, J. T. Walker, Frank S. Rawley, A. L. Miller, G. O. Dix, Judge Evans, Judge James Piety, Judg. Elmer F. Williams, James P. Stunkard, Judge Albert Owens, Judge John Gerdink and Judge R. V. Newton. Members of the committee on arrangements are George Ira Kisner, Clyde Randel and Judge Louis Leveque. The meeting was called by Attorney Harry Wallace.

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CONDIT HOUSE BECOMES PRESIDENT'S ESTATE

By Sandy Bowman & Chris Whitney

Indiana State University's First Family assummed residency recently in the No. 1 campus estate, Condit House, and changed their commuter status to one of in-residency living.

Condit House, known prior this time as the Alumni Office, has undergone a complete restoration and received long overdue occupants February 28.

The two-story brick house was built in 1860 by Lucien Houriet and was occupied by the family of Rev. Blackford Condit until 1962, when it was willed to the University which had grown up around it over the one-hundred year period.

According to Mrs. Rankin, who conducted a personal tour of the home for three members of the Statesman staff, the well maintained dwelling underwent only minor changes, in an attempt to preserve the origional character. She stated that, "The furnishings reflect the age of the house and consist of antiques and antique reproductions."

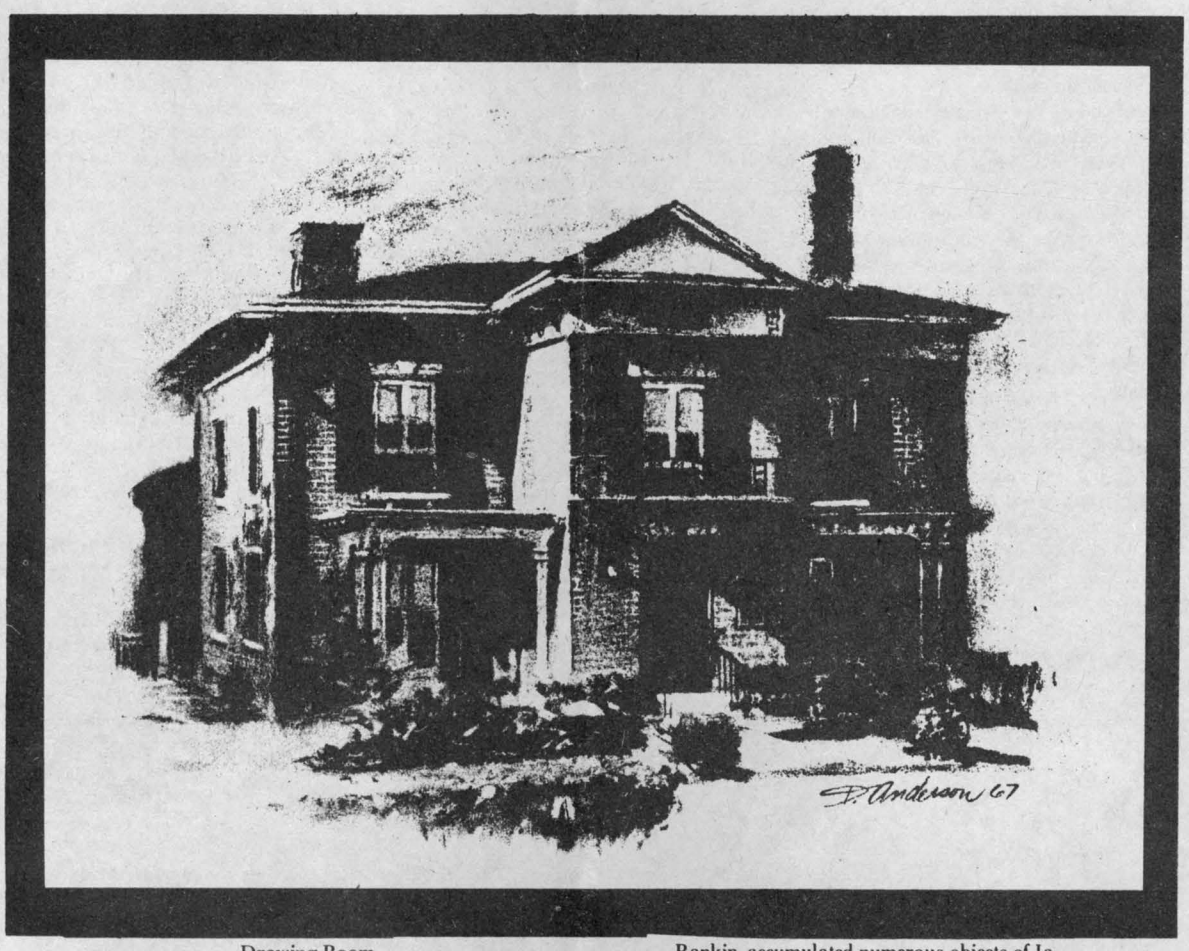
Th major changes in the estate are found in the rear wing, which has been completely torn down and rebuilt, while the front section of the structure remains the same. Measuring 27 feet wide by 39 feet long, this new addition features two attractive bay windows which face east.

Entrance Way

On entering Condit House, one crosses a set of solid wood double doors which form a vestibule by fitting back into the side walls when opened. A second set of doors is graced with etched glass, topped by a transom of matching glass.

The the right is the Drawing Room. Complementing the luxuriously carpetted, beautifully appointed rooms, are selected furniture pieces that add grace and elegance to the President's home.

Much of the furniture was bought at the Bendley auction, with gifts, donations and the Rankin's own possessions rounding out the furnishings.



Drawing Room

In the Drawing Room are two, matching white sofas, reproductions of colonial Williamsburg that offset the fireplace, one of many in the house. The Rankin's baby grand piano is the front window.

To the left of the main door is the Williamsburg Room, a more intimate receiving room that is a favorite of the Rankins.

Two large paintings can be viewed upon entering the study, the most contemporary room in Condit House. One, referred to by Mrs. Rankin as the Oppulent Society, was a gift from the Benjamin Blumbergs. The other painting is a modern, multicolored interpretation of the Madonna.

While in the Orient for two yars, Dr. Rankin accumulated numerous objects of Japanese art that are displayed generously throughout the house. It is interesting to see colonial Williamsburg mixed with the Orient, but the result is a striking compromise of the old and the new; the East and the West. This is best illustrated in the expansive dining room.

The house has been magnificently coordinated. Ceiling fixtures from the Condit House blend well with the newer chandeliers. The magestic halls, downstairs and up, carry out the theme of green carpet, offset by pink, Williamsburg wallpaper. These are both accentuated by a wide, dark-wood hand railing that extends from the foot of the staircase up and around to the Hulman bedroom.

HULMAN ROOM

The most exciting room in the house is the Hulman bedroom. Wallpapered in a vibrant red, the Hulman three-piece suite gives an air of masculinity to the guest bedroom. The Hulman suite was awarded first prize in a competition at the 1934 World's Fair. The Heavy, sturdy bed is reminiscent of the Lincoln Bed in the White House.

The Rankin's own bedroom is spacious and richly appointed with some of their personal belongings. A relaxing atmosphere prevails; with a lounging chair left of the bed and matching sitting chairs separated by a table in the bay window that overlooks Reeve Hall. A private sitting room and daughter Lynn's bedroom round out the family quarters of Condit House.

The lamps that grace the house are all personal choices of the Rankins. While utilizing prints and information from the While House in order to insure uniformity in furniture design, the Rankins expressed their personal wishes to architect, H. Roll McLaughlin, that they might make their own selections for lamps. Another interesting feature is that the origional bricks have been placed around the addition of the house, so that in a few years the entire house will have a uniform outer appearance.

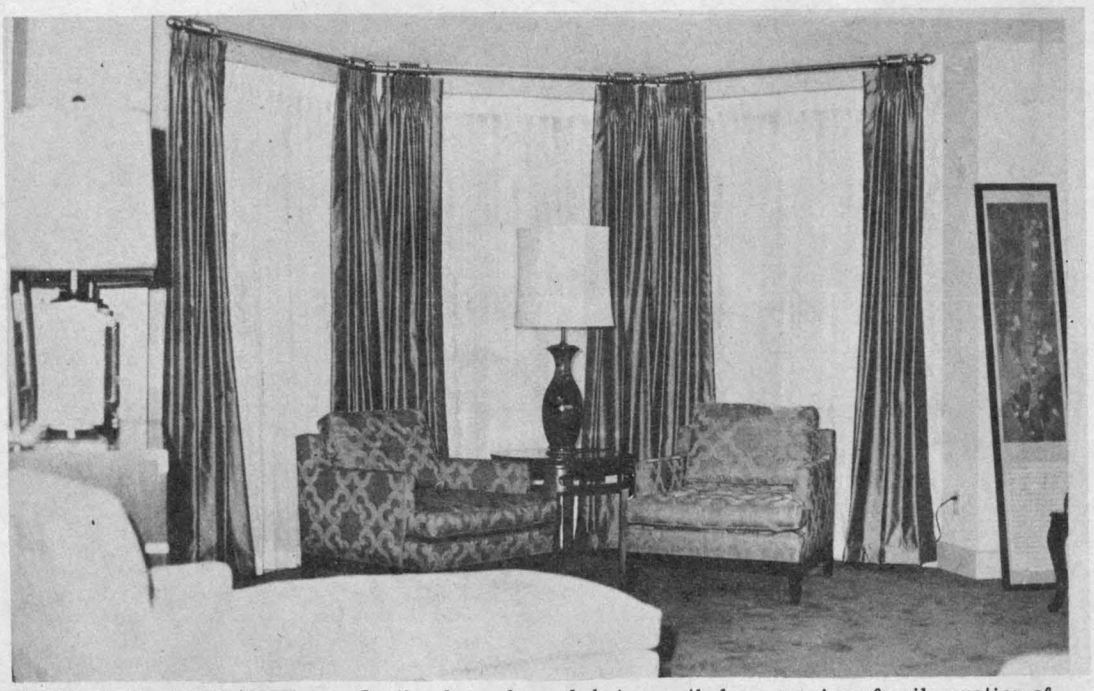
Upon leaving, the President mentioned that the house was renovated with the idea that any future presidents wishing to make changes might do so. Should any presidents have large families, an addition could be added to the rear of the home with little difficulty.

Mrs. Rankin expressed a desire to conduct a series of open houses for interested students. When final touches have been completed she plans on organizing tours in order that all students would have an opportunity to see Condit House.

THE RANKINS. . .Dr. and Mrs. Alan C. Rankin pose in the Williamsburg Room of Condit House. In the background can be seen one of the original corner cabinets of the estate which was restored and now holds some of the Rankins own personal momentoes.

SECTIONED KITCHEN. . .Here can be seen the east end of the tri-partitioned work area of Condit House's kitchen. The hardwood cabinets and moss green counter-tops carry out the dominant color scheme of the house.

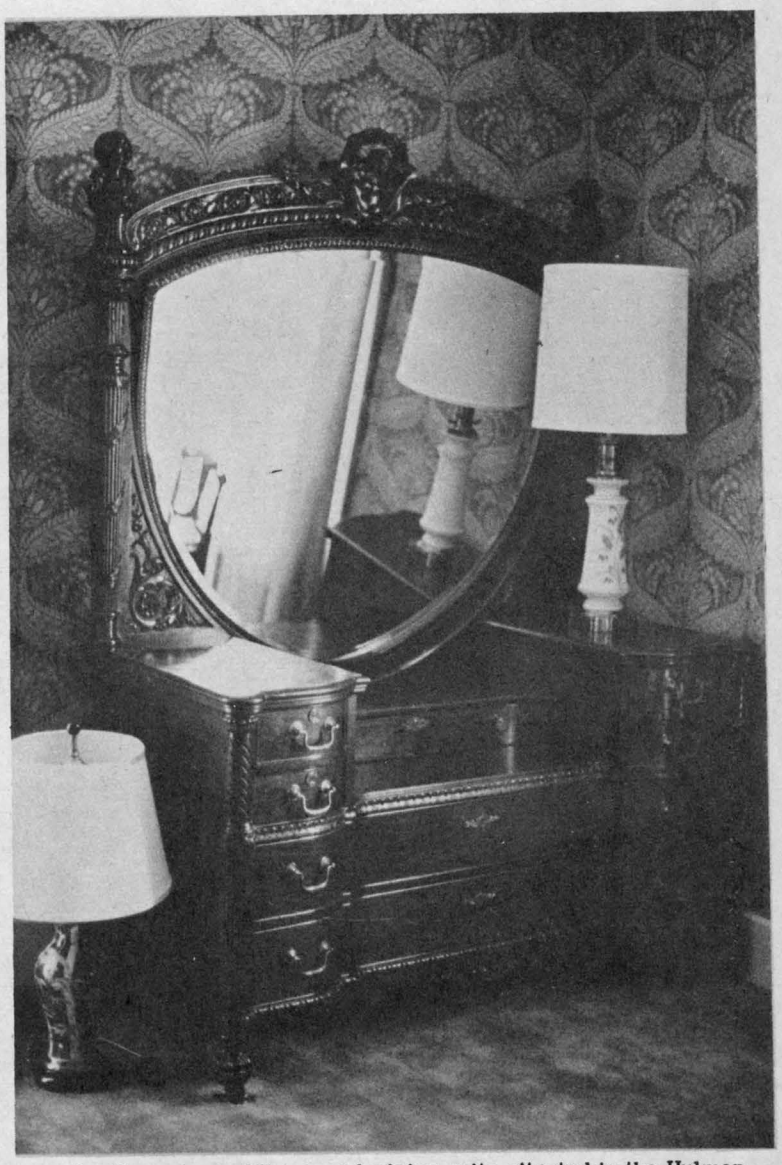
(Photos by Zwerner)



INFORMAL ELEGANCE. . .In the less formal but nonetheless gracious family protion of Condit House's new wing, can be found this lovely bay-window view form the master bedroom. According to Mrs. Rankin, it is in this room that she brings the President breakfast in bed, when time permits.

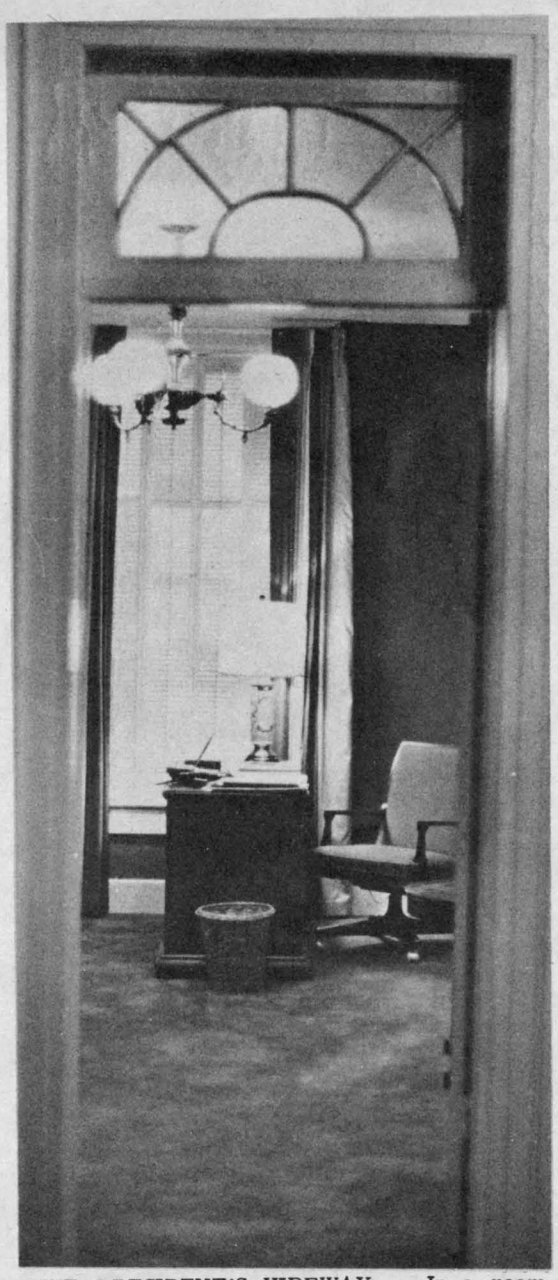
CONDIT HOUSE

WHAT ARE THEY?. . .Caught up in the flurry of an auction, Mrs. Rankin became the reluctant owner of what she has titles her,'75 cent What-Are-They's'. She mentioned that she would appreciate anyone informing her as to their function, else they become planters.



Another piece of the award wining suite situated in the Hulman Bedroom, so named because it was a gift to the Universtiy by the Hulman family, is is massive dresser which characterizes the elegant style of its era.

REFLECTIVE GRACEFULNESS. . .Mrs. Rankin is seen here as the focal point of the Hulman Bedroom in a scene which captures the bed and mirror of the suite which won acclaim at the St. Louis World's Fair.



THE PRESIDENT'S HIDEWAY. . .In a room characterized by soft hues of blue, President Rankin finds an atmosphere conductive to study. The light fixture is another of the original features and is one of many utilized throughout the house.

Condit Fam.

Special Collections

On Tuesday morning, Sept. 1st, CHARLES MILLS, son of Blackford and Sarah L. Condit, aged nine months and nine days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of the family, corner of 7th and Eagle streets, at 2 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon. The friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

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ALLEN H. CONDIT SHOOTS HIMSELF

Well Known Citizen Dies Later At Hospital—Might Have Been Accident.

Allen H. Condit, 65 years old, 629 Mulberry street, died at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Union hospital, after having shot himself in the head at his home. Condit had been a practicing attorney here for the past twenty-five years. He is survived by one sister, Helen Condit, of Terre Haute, and one brother, Dr. Joseph Dayton, of Pasadena, Cal. The body was taken to the Ball funeral home and will be removed to the residence today. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until the arrival of the brother.

Condit for many years had been an esteemed member of the Vigo county bar. His practice was largely of a civil nature and he was seldom seen in court.

Condit, Sunday afternoon, went to the basement of his residence, shot himself under the chin, the ball ranging up through the brain, and he is said to have walked to his room on an upper floor after having shot himself. He was taken to the Union hospital and soon succumbed.

The first reports were that Condit had committed suicide, owing to despondency, however, the statement of the attending physician leads to the belief that it might have been accidental.

The physician asked him if he shot himself and Condit nodded his head yes. The physician asked if he did it on purpose and Condit is said to have nodded his head no.

He was working about the house at the time dressed in his old clothes and it is believed that he might have been examining the weapon, which it is believed he kept about the house as a matter of protection, the location of the Condit home being rather secluded after night fall. The location is between the State Teacher college book store and the vocational training building on Mulberry street.

He was the son of Rev. Blackford Condit, pioneer Presbyterian minister here, and long identified with the early history of Indiana and Terre Haute.

Allen Condit himself was keenly interested in the history of the city and had contributed many valuable records to the library and schools. He was a deep student of law and government, conservative in his living and was broadly esteemed by all who knew him.

Mr. Condit, aside from his law practice, interested himself largely in charity work. He was a member of several local charitable organizations, and among his friends, it was said that much of his means were

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ALLEN H. CONDIT SHOOTS HIMSELF

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diverted to cases he accepted as his own special charge, and of which the public knew nothing.

Sketch of His Life.

The Condit family was one of the oldest in Terre Haute, and one which has played considerable part in the civic and religious part of this community. Blackford Condit was one of the earliest ministers.

He was the son of Daniel D. and Charlotte T. Condit, who came to Indiana in a very early day from New Jersey. It was a long journey and while they expected to travel all the way by water, they had to leave the boat at Sandusky to Cincinnati.

They took another boat to Evansville, thence to Vincennes. They went to Hanover, where there was a settlement of New Jersey people where a cabin in "Uncle Boudinot's" orchard made of hewn logs awaited them.

Here Blackford Condit, father of Allan, was born on August 6, 1829. Daniel Dayton Condit and his family came to Terre Haute in 1831, where he engaged in merchandising, but suffered severe reverses, as did others in the general crash of 1837-38.

For many years he followed his trade as a wagon maker, till again, in connection with his son, J. D. Condit, he entered upon mercantile pursuits. He was born in New Jersey in 1797 and died at his home in Terre Haute in January of 1877. Three children survived him of whom Blackford was the second in order of birth.

He attended Wabash college at Crawfordsville, where he was graduated in the class of 1854. He was then a student of the Lane Theological seminary at Cincinnati, O., and from there he was graduated in 1857.

After having filled the pulpits of two churches, he sailed for Europe, where he traveled extensively, returned on account of the civil war, which he sought to enter but was refused on account of bad health.

He was pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, or, as it was called then, the Baldwin church, which stood where the W. H. Morris grocery now stands at Fifth and Ohio streets, from 1868 to 1875 when he was compelled to resign again on account of his health.

On Feb. 26, 1862, Rev. Condit was married to Miss Sarah L. Mills, daughter of President Caleb Mills, LL. D., of Wabash college, and Sarah Marshall Mills, of New Hampshire.

To their union were born Emma, Howe, Allen, Helen and Joseph, the latter two of whom survive. Miss Helen resides in the old home on Mulberry street and Allen was a devoted brother. He had never married but remained home with his beloved sister.

Dr. Joseph Condit, who is a practicing physician in Pasadena, Cal., is flying here to be with Miss Helen. Allan Condit was one of the handsomest young men in this section in his more youthful years. Like his father he was a cultured and kindly gentleman with a world of friends, despite his retiring nature, which would not let him enjoy society's functions.

He was an Elk, having affiliated in the early organization of the B. P. O. E. No. 86 of Terre Haute. He was graduated in a college course from Wabash college after which he finished his law course and took up practice in Terre Haute some twenty-five or thirty years ago.

He was a member of the firm of Stimson, Stimson & Condit for years and after the death of S. C. Stimson he took an office farther down on Ohio street, but was not actively engaged in the practice of law at the time of his death.

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T.H. Biography

Condit Home (Condit files) Planned for ISU President

T.H. Trib 3/7/66

Plans for renovating and remodeling the 106-year-old Blackford Condit home on the Indiana State University campus for use as the President's home, have been forwarded by ISU's Board of Trustees.

The Board submitted their requests to the Indiana State Budget Agency and Governor Roger D. Branigan for approval to appoint H. Roll McLaughlin, an Indianapolis architect, in the work.

McLaughlin, is well known in the field of renovation of all old homes. The Blackford Condit home is the oldest building on the campus.

It was build in 1860 and first owned by Lucien Houriet, a local jeweler and watchmaker. In 1863, it became the Condit home when Rev. Blackford Condit purchased it.

The home remained in the Condit family until 1962, when Miss Helen Condit, the last survivor of the Rev. and Mrs. Condit's children, died.

Miss Condit then willed the builiding to the university. Since that time, the 106-year-old home has served as the Condit House Alumni Center and has housed several administrative offices. The offices housed in the building have since outgrown the facilities.

Coudit House - 12/66 Ind. Statesman

Condit House restoration underway; Rankins to take residence in 1967

by Patti Moon
Statesman Staff Writer

The restoration of the Condit House is one of the most important construction events presently taking place on the Indiana State University campus. President Alan C. Rankin and his family will occupy this house when reconstruction is completed, which is expected to be late in the spring of 1967.

The Condit House was built in 1860 for Lucien Houriet, a jeweler and watchmaker. In 1863, the house was purchased by the Reverend Blackford Condit, husband of Sara Mills, daughter of Caleb Mills.

Italian architecture

The Condit House itself is an example of Italianate architecture President Rankin and his wife have decided to keep the redecoration in style with the era of the house.

H. Roll McLaughlin, AIA, of James Associates, Indianapolis, has been chosen by the University Board of Trustees to develop plans for restoring the Condit House and adapting it to function suitability as the University President's residence.

To accomodate the personal, professional and social needs which such a residence must meet, the rear wing of the house is being rebuilt and enlarged. The original exterior bricks are being preserved carefully and will be used in the new construction, so that the architectural authenticity will not be disturbed.

Material salvaged

Other original building material salvaged from the old rear wing includes doors, window frames, lintels, sills, shutters, ornamental wood porch trim, cast iron grills and gratings from the old foundation and lighting fixtures which originally were illuminated by gas. These items will be reused in the restoration.

The new wing will accomodate an entrance to the home from the east approach. A foyer will lead to the drawing room, parlor and library in the original part of the house. A dining room and a morning room and a family kitchen, plus a second kitchen designed for preparation of food for the University functions of which the President is host will also be included in the new wing.

Second floor

Two bedrooms, two baths and a dressing room are planned for the second floor of the new wing. The restored section will have two bedrooms with baths and an upstairs sitting room.

Eventually, there will be a two-car garage at the rear of the residence.

Francis Macomber, Indianapolis decorator, is designing the interior. Features which give the Condit House its character and charm

Condit - Helen A.

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Helen A. Condit's Will Gives Church $50,000, Union Hospital $25,000

Condit, Helen A.
S-Dec 20-1961

INDIANA ROOM

The $325,000 estate of Miss Helen A. Condit, last surviving member of one of the city's oldest families, was admitted to probate yesterday before Commissioner John F. O'Brien.

Miss Condit, who died Dec. 10 at the age of 87 years, left $175,000 worth of personal property and $150,000 in real estate. Annual income was $18,000. All of the figures are estimated.

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THE TERRE HAUTE First National Bank was named executor of Miss Condit's will, which was dated Nov. 17, 1955.

The largest bequest was $50,000 to the Central Presbyterian Church. Union Hospital is to receive $25,000 in memory of Miss Condit's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Blackford Condit, and the decedent's sister, Emma.

The Rose Ladies Aid Society and Hanover College were left $10,000 each. The Rose bequest, in memory of Miss Condit's mother, is to be used for the care and maintenance of the Sarah Dowling Home, formerly the Rose Home for Aged Women. The Hanover bequest was made in memory of Miss Condit's grandfather, Caleb Mills, one of the founders of Wabash College, and known as the father of free public education in Indiana.

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HER HOME at 629 Mulberry Street automatically went to Indiana State College pursuant to an agreement made about 30 years ago. It was the only private residential property on the campus.

Miss Condit bequeathed her household goods, furniture, jewelry, wearing apparel, automobile, family stores and articles of personal property to Miss Florence P. Crawford, 507 North Seventh Street, and Mrs. Anna May Rapson, 7220 Wabash Avenue.

The board of trustees of Wabash College was bequeathed certain real estate in Indianapolis in memory of Miss Condit's great uncle, Isaac Blackford, who once served as a State Supreme Court judge.

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THE BANK was bequeathed $3,000 to be reinvested and used to keep up the family plot at Highland Lawn Cemetery and the Condit lot at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Other bequests include the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., $2,500 each, and the Woman's Department Club and the Vigo County Historical Society, $1,000 each.

Marshall, Batman and Day is counsel for the estate.

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Condit, Helen A

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Helen A. Condit, Prominent T. H. Resident, Dies

Miss Helen A. Condit, last surviving member of one of Terre Haute's oldest and most prominent families, died shortly before

MISS HELEN A. CONDIT

11 o'clock Sunday night at Union Hospital. She was 87 years of age.

In failing health for more than a year, Miss Condit had been confined to bed about 19 weeks and had been hospitalized since Nov. 28, according a close friend.

Pursuant to an agreement made some 28 years ago with officials of Indiana State College, her death automatically made the family property at 629 Mulberry street a part of the ISC campus.

Her father, the Rev. Blackford Condit, and mother, Sarah Mills Condit, purchased the property in the 1860's when he was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, now known as the Central Presbyterian Church.

Miss Condit was born in the house, then located at the edge of the old Terre Haute Normal campus, which has continued to expand into its present day capacity as ISC. The college grounds completely surrounded the Condit property, which is the last remaining private residential property to be acquired in the heart of the campus.

Family History.

Miss Condit's family history paints a glowing contribution to local and Indiana educational and judicial history.

Her maternal grandfather, Prof. Caleb Mills, L.L.D., one of the founders of Wabash College, was the second superintendent of public instruction in Indiana and was known as the father of Indiana's public education system through his sponsorship of the Indiana Free Public School Law.

Her paternal great-uncle, Judge Blackford, was for many years a judge of the Indiana Supreme Court and recognized as one of the state's most distinguished jurists.

Established Scholarship.

In addition to her close affiliations with educational circles at Wabash College, Miss Condit was also a staunch supporter of education at ISC. She established and perpetuated the Caleb Mills Scholarship there as a memorial to her grandfather, it being awarded to a graduating senior preparing to be a teacher.

She was an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, local teachers' honorary; had been a very loyal member of the Central Presbyterian Church since her earliest youth, and had the honor of having one of the church circles named for her.

She had been a great contributor, financially and in heirlooms, to the Vigo County Historical Society and the Swope Art Gallery, holding honorary and life memberships in the museum body.

She had also been one of the most ardent financial contributors and sponsors in the founding of Union Hospital.

Served Hospital.

She became a member of the hospital board in 1898, three years after its incorporation and served as secretary of the board from 1903 until 1927.

The cornerstone, laid June 26, 1908, was uncovered in the 1952 razing operation and erection of a new wing. Miss Condit was honored at that time in a special ceremony emphasizing the cornerstone contents and persons who played an important part in the hospital construction.

Her brother, Howe Allen Condit, who died in 1935, was prominent among local law circles and another brother, Joseph Dayton Condit, who died in 1940, achieved prominence in Pasadena, Calif., as a member of the medical profession.

She and the brothers were the last of eight children. There are no survivors of the family.

Her mother was instrumental in the establishment of the Rose Home for Aged Women, 1016 North Center street, now known as the Sarah Dowling Home.

The body was taken to the Ball-Porter Funeral Home where friends may call after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternon at 2 o'clock at the Ball-Porter chapel with the Rev. John Chironna Jr., officiating. Burial will be made in Highland Lawn cemetery.

INDIANA ROOM

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Condit Family

DIED.

CONDIT—On Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 1881, at the residence of her son, J. D. Condit, Indianapolis, Mrs. Charlotte T. Condit, wife of the late D. D. Condit, in the 80th year of her age.

The remains will be brought here for interment.

The funeral will be attended from the family residence, on the corner of Seventh and Eagle streets, at 10 o'clock this morning. The friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

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Letter from Rev. William Torrance

Central

Presbyterian Church

Rev. William Torrance, Pastor.
A. R. Chairman, Clerk.

Terre Haute, Ind. Jan. 15, 1900

Dear Dr. Condit

In answering your questions would say that I did not attend the old seminary which stood on the lot where the State Normal now stands, if I remember rightly. My school was on 4th Street, Corner of Mulberry. I believe - same place where the new building stands. The entrance to old building was on 4th st. up outside stairs to first floor. The basement was used for lectures & entertainements. The teachers I remember were Prof. Moore & his wife, & a Miss Mackeuzie. There were others but I did not recite to any. A Prof. Moirseuget taught music. He told me that I couldn't sing, & my reply was, that was no information for I knew it before he did. I think it was 1859 & 60 that I was there. Some of my old friends in No. 8 were Hilary Gobin now Pres. of DePauw, Ed. Boudinot, I have been told he is dead. James

Hite said to live near Kansas Ill. James Harris, recent candidate for mayor in L. A., George Austin in connection with some manufacturing concern in Michigan. Dayton Condit - your brother. Theodore Bailley - don't know what has become of him. Harmon Miller, have been told he is in a government office in Washington City.

I rode in from our place east on the National road on a favorite young horse of which I was very proud, until an untoward event happened. I kept her at a wagon yard about a square north of the school house, when a calf that had the run of the yard & made friends with my horse & chewed the tail off up to the stamp, after that I had to depend on one of the farm horses or colts that had not been broken, one of which landed me in the mud one day - Wish I could tell you something -

Very truly,

Wm. Torrance (Signature)

No, I did not know Frank McCabe. Potter Coltrice must have been before my day. - I suppose he is the brother of Sam Coltrice, now living east of the city. Sam had a brother a preacher, but I was not acquainted with him. This brother living on the bluffs east of city could give information about him.

Letter from J. W. Cruft to Rev. Condit

January 18, 1900

Rev. Blackford Condit
629 Mulberry Street
City

Dear Sir:-

Your note of yesterday received and I give you below the answers to your questions in regard to date of birth , etc. of my brother, the late General Charles Cruft: also send you herewith a little book containing newspaper clippings, from which you will be enabled to gather data and little incidents in regard to him. After you finish with this book please return to me.

1st Charles Cruft born in Terre Haute, Ind. January 12, 1826
died in Terre Haute, Ind. March 23, 1883

2nd Prepared for college in the village school and entered Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he was graduated in 1843 - being among, if not the youngest graduate of that popular institution. He studied the languages, engineering, bookkeeping, medicine and the law; and at different times was engaged in teaching school, associated with Rev. Dr. Croes and William D. Griswold; also engaged in the duties of County Surveyor and as clerk of the old State Bank. In September 1848 he was admitted to the bar, under the auspices of William D. Griswold.

His only law partner was Col. John P. Baird, with whom he formed a partnership in spring of 1861, the civil war breaking out, this partnership was dissolved by each partner entering the army; and was resumed in 1865 at the close of the war.

In 1861 Charles Cruft entered the army as Colonel of the 31st Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and continued in the army until the close of the war, retiring as a Major General.

In 1855 he was elected President of the Terre Haute and Alton R. R. Co., now part of the Big Four system, and it was under his administration that a great part of the Road was built and finally completed to the Mississippi river.

In 1860 he became Editor and proprietor of the Daily Express.

Your question as to who were his school mates, I am unable to answer; possibly Mrs. Frances E. Warren may give you the information.

Yours truly,

J. W. Cruft (Signature)

Letter from W. W. Parsons

President's Office

The Indiana State Normal School

Terre Haute, Indiana, May 12, 1900

Rev. Blackford Condit,

City.

My dear Sir:

I am not able to give very exact information upon the points referred to in your note of the 11th, but can state them approximately only.

My father was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, in 1798. On the paternal side he was of Irish descent, and on the maternal of English. While yet a boy he emigrated to Kentucky, where he lived until he was about eighteen years of age. He then moved to Vincennes, Indiana, where he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. In 1819 he made a visit to Terre Haute, but returned to Vincennes and lived there until 1822 or 1823. He then moved to Terre Haute, and after studying medicine, entered upon the practice, which he continued until 1850. In the spring of 1850 he went to California and remained for two years. At this time he retired from the practice of medicine.

Returning to Terre Haute in 1852, he continued to live here until 1862, when he moved to a large farm in Douglass county, Illinois, which he had purchased many years before. Here he remained until his death at the age of eighty-seven, in 1885.

My father was married three times. Of his first two wives I know nothing. The third wife, my mother, was a Miss Elizabeth Ryman. The date of the third marriage must have been about 1845. I cannot give it more accurately.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Parsons (Signature)

Court house Bell
C. R. 10/166 Apr. 11, 1876.

The Heirs & legal representatives of Col. Francis Vigo late of Vincennes Ind., having recently recovered from the government of the United States a certain claim for monies and supplies furnished in the year 1778 to the troops under the command of General George Rogers Clarke in the war of the Revolution.

In the fifth paragraph of the last will & testament of Col. Vigo relating to the collection of said claim appears these words "whereas the County of Vigo has been renamed for me and I feel toward it and its citizens a great degree of esteem and affection for many favors confered and services rendered me especially by the inhabitants of Terre Haute it is my wish, will & desire and earnest request that if the claim aforesaid is recovered and the amount due me paid to my executors that they or some one of them shall pay out of the same Five Hundred Dollars to the County of Vigo to be laid out by the Commissioners of said County or in any other mode as may be deemed most advisable by said County in the purchase of a Bell for the Court House of said County in which is to be inscribed "Presented by Francis Vigo."

In compliance with the terms of the foregoing paragraph the said Heirs and the legal representatives have authorized me to pay the above mentioned sum of Five Hundred Dollars on the order of your Board when required for the purpose in said will set forth.

Ordered by the Board that the foregoing proposition of Col. Francis Vigo as presented by T. C. Buntin be accepted subject to the conditions set forth in said proposition.

Letter from H. S. Wedding

Crawfordsville, Ind.

Jan. 11, 1900.

Dr. Blackford Condit,

Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Dr. :-

I have just received reply from Indianapolis, and enclose herewith sketch of our Grandfather R. H. Wedding, which I trust will serve your purpose.

Very truly yours,

H. S. Wedding (Signature)

The Enclosure

Randolph H. Wedding was born in St. Marys County, Maryland in 1798. While a boy, his parents moved to Alexandria, Virginia, remaining there until he was nearly grown, then removing to Maysville, Kentucky. He married his first wife, Mary De Puy, at Marietta, Ohio, in 1817, coming directly afterwards to Indiana; his wife's family, the De Puys, also came at the same time. This party came down the Ohio River and up the Wabash to Clinton, Vermillion County; there is no record showing he ever took refuge in Fort Harrison, although Great-grand-father Stringham and his family lived —

within its walls during their first year (1816) in the then howling wilderness. Mr. Wedding lost his wife early in the 30's and was married to Jane Stringham, the daughter of Captain Daniel Stringham and sister of Rear-Admiral Horton Stringham. Grandfather Wedding suffered much at the hands of the Indians, and carried through life a deep scar on his head, the blow of a tomahawk inflicted by an Indian from whom he was trying to protect his property. He was elected Justice of the Peace for Parke County in 1834 and Associate Judge for same County in 1840. Governor Noah Noble signed the first named Commission and Gov. Samuel Bigger the last. Mr. Wedding moved to Terre Haute in 1848. He was not an attorney.

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EARLY HISTORY OF VINCENNES

The Indiana Historical Society Gets Valuable Original Documents From France.

Jubilating to the utmost is the Indiana Historical society over the resurrection of a number of documents relating to the early history of the Wabash country from the French archives at Paris.

It has been known for several years that there was an attempt to establish a mission among the Wabash Indians at the time of the founding of Post Vincennes and an effort has been made to get at the beginning of the history through church records. This has opened a novel chapter in Indiana history.

It appears that in 1720 a Jesuit priest named De Beaubois was stationed at Kaskaskia, on the Mississippi river, and that he took much interest in promoting mission work. In 1725 he went to France, taking with him a delegation of Indians to creat interest in the cause.

These were presented at the French court and attracted much attention. Father Beaubois made arrangements for sending out the nuns who founded the Ursuline convent at New Orleans and a number of missionaries, among them one for the "Ouabache."

PASSES THROUGH PERILS

This missionary, Father D'Outreleau, came over on the same ship with the nuns, having many perils from storns, pirates and wreck on the voyage, and went up the Mississippi to the Illinois settlements.

He did not get located on the Wabash, but after many adventures and hardships, including a narrow escape from massacre by the Indians, in which he received a load of shot in his face, he returned to New Orleans and became chaplain of the hospital there.

Father DeBeaubois became involved in controversy with the Capuchins and was expelled from the province of Louisiana. It appears from the sober truth of history that there were strenous times in the Mississippi valley, even at this early period.

It is stated by the Jesuit historian, Sommervogel, that Father De Beaubois prepared a memoir on the importance of fortifying the Ouabache and that it is preserved in the archives of Paris.

Last summer the Indiana Historical society requested John K. Gowdy, consul general at Paris, to have search made for this document. He and his secretary, G. E. Light, secured for the society the services of Robert B. Douglas, the well-known author of "The Life and Times of Mme. Du Barry" and other books, and the latter made an extensive search through the archives from 1720 to 1750, obtaining a large amount of information relative to the Wabash region.

The memoir of Father De Beaubois was not found, although Mr. Douglas found Father Sommervogel in Paris and endeavored to obtain further information from him about it. Unfortunately he had forgotten the source of his statement and could not tell where the document could be found.

TWO IMPORTANT LETTERS

Among the most important documents discovered were two letters from Siem De Vincennes, written from thepost in March, 1733. Photographs of these were obtained by the society.

The earliest one is reproduced in translation and so far as known it is the oldest document now in existence that was written within Indiana. The letter is important as showing the condition of the post at that time and as showing, in connection with the pay rolls, from which extracts are given in the publication, that the post was begun in the summer of 1731. The translation is as follows:

"March 7, 1833. - Monsieru: To make reply to the honor of yours, I will commence by informing you that the Ouabache nation is composed of five tribes, which include four villages, of which the least is of sixty men bearing arms, and in all about 600 or 700 men, whom it will be necessary for the good of the service to gather together and remove from proximity to the English. It has been impossible for me to bring together all these tribes because I have always lacked merchandise in this place. The fort which I had built is 400 leagues up the Ouabache, above the rivers by which the English will be able to descend and open trade with these tribes. The place is well fitted for the location of a large establishment, which I would have made if I had had the troops. In regard to the trade which can be had, it is in furs. It is possible to send out from this post every year about 30,000 skins. That, monseiur, is all the trade that can be secured for the present.

"There has never been so great need of troops at this place as at present. The Indians, Illinois as well as Miamis and others are more insolent than they have ever been, and that since the Foxes have been overthrown. The little experience I have acquired in the twenty (?) years I have been with them makes me fear some bad return from these nations, especially mine, which sees an establishment that I have begun and which there has appeared no desire to continue in the past three years. The

only thing that can come in the meantime, monsieur, is the loss to us of all the tribes, both of the lakes nd of other places.

"You have done me the honor to aske me to send you a statement of the works finished and to be constructed. There is only a fort and two houses in it, and there should at once be built a guard room with barracks for lodging the soldiers. It is not possible to remain in this place with so few troops. It will need thirty men with an officer. I am more embarassed than ever in this place by the war with the Chickasaws, who have come here twice since spring. It is only twelve days since the last party brought in three persons and as it is the French who have put the tomahawk in their hands I am obliged to be at expense continually. I hope of your kindness that you will give special attention to this place and to the trouble which I experience, as well as for myself as for the little garison that I have. It is a favor expected of you by him who has the honor to be with profound respect, monsieur, your very humble and very obedient servant.

VINCENNES"

SPELLING QUITE ERRATIC

The founder of Indiana's oldest city was an erratic writer and speller, so much so that at some points it is doubtful what his characters signify. He spells his onw name "Vinsenne," as he always did.

This fact caused Judge Law, in his "History of Vincennes," to regret that this spelling has not been preserved. The accepted spelling is correct, however, it being the name of the fief Siemes de Vince nnes, which was located on the south side of the river St. Lawrence, just below Quebec.

The author states that the form "Ouabache" is preserved in the publications because at the period of these documents it signified not only the Wabash, but also the Ohio below the mouth of the Wabash, the theory then current being that the Ohio emptied into the Wabash and the Wabash into the Mississippi. This nomenclature continued until about 1750 when a change was made to the present system.

Condit Family

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March 22, 1948

Miss Helen Condit
629 Mulberry Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Condit:

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of your recent gift. We are very pleased to have a copy of your father's book, "The History of Early Terre Haute," with your generous inscription. It shall be placed in our historical collections.

Respectfully yours,

Robert A. Miller
Director of Libraries

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December 22, 1955

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

Miss Helen Condit
629 Mulberry Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Condit,

I have delayed in answering your note because I had hopes of visiting you before Christmas. Unfortunately those plans have not materialized. However, it may be that I could arrange a visit sometime around the middle or latter part of January. If such plans should work out, it would probably be on a Friday or Saturday.

We will be delighted and very grateful to receive whatever books you may desire to entrust to the care and keeping of the Virginia Library. My recollection of seeing your treasures suggests that relatively few items would be duplicated. In any case, I feel it would be preferable to go over the items you have in mind personally. Duplicates might well be made available to some other institution of your choice which would appreciate having these treasures.

I am sorry to learn that your injury is still causing you some difficulty. Although my visits to Terre Haute were brief, I have the distinct impression that your fortitude and stamina are held in high regard by your friends.

With best wishes for a pleasant Christmas and a joyful New Year as well as my anticipation of having ~~some~~ the pleasure of visiting you in 1956, I am

Sincerely yours,

Calvin H. Schmitt

Calvin H. Schmitt
Librarian

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

TRUST DEPARTMENT

March 16, 1956

Miss Helen Condit
629 Mulberry Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Condit:

As in past years Mrs. Katherine Condit has made an adjustment amounting to the increase in your taxes due to rents received by her. For the taxable year 1955 the taxes attributable to these rents amount to $611.42, to which also should be added one-half of the intangible tax paid on the lease, which amounts to $14.25, making a total owing Miss Helen Condit from Mrs. Katherine Condit of $625.67.

Very truly yours,

King A. Fasig
Assistant Trust Officer

KAF/mlb

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May 24, 1976

Miss Barbara L. Clark
314 W. 12th Ave.
Mount Dora, Florida, 32757

Dear Miss Clark:

I was very much interested in the old letters you sent. I believe that you told me that you have a copy of the Early History of Terre Haute, 1816-1840, by Blackford Condit. It contains a good sketch of Merrick Jewett, who organized, and was the first pastor of the first Congregational Church here.

The other one, I was able to copy and am sending you a copy which makes it darker. One of our staff members was able to read the original, however, and I am sending you a copy of that. It is interesting. We may have made some mistakes in deciphering, particularly in names, but it is an interesting letter.

Thank you so much for sending them. We may figure out some way to use them. Perhaps in the local historical society publication Leaves of Thyme? I'll let you know if we do.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

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The letter postmarked Terre Haute, Ind. Dec. 21, and addresssd to Mrs. Anna L. Austin, Mankato, Minnesota.

Tuesday
December 19, 1871

Dear Sister:

Your last letter reached us on Wednesday of last week, having been but 2 days on the road. That is probably owing to the new route being opened to Chicago. We have been looking for Hunleys today, but are disappointed. ?. Sis? Liz? is goong home tomorrow and th this was her last chance of coming. Since noon, a snowstorm has set in though there is not much snow falling. The sind blows hard, and makes it very unpleasant getting around. How is your Minnesota weather by this time? I hope you will get all nicely settled without making yourself sick. Oh, if we could only be there at your housewarming. Wouldn't it be splendid? You must be sure and write all the particulars when it comes off.

Are you doing anything for Christmas? We have not much more than thought of it. There seems to be less than usual to do with. Emma is coming home today. Whe has had enough of going away to school and will be willing to try it at home for a time. John is doing very well. He gets along with Mr. Lee better than I expected. He is growing too, real fast.

Sally condit has another little boy. Auntie says it is unusually "nice". Kate has not yet been confined, and they are expecting Warren Hussey to spend the holidays - besides- Auntie is to have Maria"s family the same time, and of course, they will be at Kate's a good deal. It will be pretty hard for her. I should not wonder if her baby was born while they were here. She is so very large all over, and has been so helpless and clumsy for a long time. Everyone thinks she will have twins. She isgoing to have Maria's old nurse "Auntie" from Indianapolis.

I was a Auntie's last Thursday and as usual, found her in a dilemma. She had a woman in sewing and had commenced 4 double gowns for Christmas. One for Black and each of ~~his~~ their children. and one for Date? Said she guessed would have to send for me to help her a day this week. We have a Christmas festival on hand for our Plymouth school which is to come off on Friday evening next. So will have the week well put in. We are to have three trees - one large and two smaller ones with a present for each child.

Dick came home last Saturday looking fit and hardy. Mr. Patterson is to be married on Christmas morning and go to St. Louis. Whether they will live there I do not know.

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Kate wrote me that she is going to Madison this week, but would would not stop as she intended making her visit as she came back, knowing we all would be anxious to see "George" and says that is Boud's ? name (a fold in paper) . They may have to change it after all.

John had a letter from one of the Charleston boys, saying that he would be over to spend the holidays.

I think you are going to have a real nice dress, and comfortable time? I should think you would need double dresses.

It is tome to stop and get dinner. Pa works in the shop now, and we have but two meals. If youwere near home, and wanted a paddle for butter cakes, Pa could supply you - he has had a spell of making them, and supplied all the neighbors besides Auntie and Hunley.

As I shall not likely write during the holidays, we all send Christmas and New Years Greetings to yourself and George. Same to Lizzie and Dale (?)

Yours ever,

Adelia

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Condit Family

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Rev. Robert Aaron Condit
Principal of Coe Collegiate Institute

It would not be fitting to close this account of the Founders of Coe Collegiate Institute without including a sketch of Rev. Robert A. Condit, who was the Principal of the institution throughout its existence and who then served Coe College as an active Professor until 1906. In every sense of the word he was a Founder of the Institute and of Coe College.

Robert A. Condit was born on October 13, 1837, at Oswego, New York. His parents were Robert W. and Harriett Condit. His father was for forty years pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Oswego.

As a boy, the future educator was sent to a boarding school at Mount Holly, New Jersey. After two years there he was sent to Temple Hill Academy, at Geneseo, New York. From there he went to Princeton College in 1855, graduating in 1859. He continued as a student in the Princeton Theological Seminary, acting as a tutor while pursuing his studies.

After his graduation from the Seminary he was licensed to preach, and about a year later he became the pastor of Westminster Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was ordained in 1865 by the Presbytery of Saint Paul when he took charge of the church. It was then a missionary project supported by the Presbyterian Board of Domestic Relations, but when he left it, in 1867, it was reported to be the largest church in Minmesota.

He then spent about a year and a half travelling in the Orient and visiting his sister who was a missionary in Syria. After his return to the United States, he served for four years as pastor of the Carondelet Street Church in St. Louis. While serving

this church he was married on July 27, 1871, to Miss Margaret Moore of Chicago. During the year 1873-1874, he preached in Peoria, Illinois, and during 1874-1875 in Chicago.

As has been recorded, he came to Cedar Rapids in 1875 to assume the Principalship of Coe Collegiate Institute. In large measure the success of the institution during its six years of operation was due to his efforts. When Coe College was opened in the fall of 1881 the name of Robert A. Condit headed the faculty list. His title was Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature. After the death of President James Marshall in 1896, Professor Condit, as a senior faculty member, served as "Acting Head of the College," in 1897 until the new President, S.B. McCormick, arrived. The catalogue of Coe College for 1896-1897 for the first time listed Professor Condit as Dean.

In 1900 Professor Condit completed a quarter of a century of service to Coe Collegiate Institute and Coe College. The Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 5, 1900, showed its appreciation of his services by voting to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Board also paid tribute to him in the following resolution:

> "The Board of Trustees of Coe College cannot see one of its most valued teachers, Prof. Robert A. Condit, accomplish and complete Twenty-Five years of continuous work in our institution without putting on record our affectionate appreciation of his worth. . . . We honor and love him for his purity of purpose, his sincere and unmistakable piety, his gentleness and humility, his unwavering patience and amiability, his love for the students and his loyalty to his work. We are moved to express our conviction that in the last twenty-five years of its eventful and critical history, Coe College is deeply indebted to Prof. Condit in many more ways than simply the conduct of his own department, important though this has been and is."

In 1902, Professor Condit resigned the Deanship and was succeeded by Professor S.W. Stookey. In the fall of 1906 the Board

of Trustees completed an arrangement with the Carnegie Foundation whereby Professor Condit was retired with an annual allowance of one thousand dollars from the Foundation. He was the first Professor Emeritus in the history of Coe College.

After his retirement, Professor Condit moved to Pasadena, California, where he died on July 8, 1908. On Founders Day in 1918 his services were commemorated. The chief address on the occasion was delivered by Dean S.W. Stookey, who had been a student under Dr. Condit, and then for many years his colleague on the Coe faculty. The following quotation from Dr. Stookey's address may appropriately close this sketch:

> "A dignified, yet genial personality, a natural disposition of rare kindliness and sympathy, culture, broad and liberal education, the experience of professional life, as well as that of travel, and a love for the work of the teacher—these were the characteristics of the man who, during a period of nearly thirty years, was to exert a strong influence, not only on the lives of the generations of students as they came and went, but on the trend and spirit of the College itself."

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I ... very – Enclosed you will find – you fill [illegible] formularies [illegible] tells – I

Please let me hear from you ~~in the meantime I shall busy myself with the questionnaire~~ –

Kindly pardon the length of my letter am sorry ~~I seemed to think there was~~ so many necessary items to mention

Yours truly

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JOURNAL KEPT BY BLACKFORD CONDIT OF A TRIP FROM TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA TO NEW YORK AND RETURN IN 1852

Foreword

This journal was found in the back pocket of an apparently empty wallet which Mrs. Robert I. Clark bought with some other miscellaneous articles at the sale for the disposal of the effects of Miss Helen Condit. It was small and folded and it was surprising to find that so much material was contained in so small a manuscript.

The wallet very evidently belonged to Mr. Blackford Condit. His name is on it in several places. On the outside it is scratched into the leather "Blackford Condit, Wabash College - Dec. ? 1849." Another place on the outside is "Blackford Condit." On the inside of the strap is "Blackford Condit Property Private - Anno Domini 1849." Inside is "B. Condit (an address not legible) 1858" and another place inside "Blackford Condit - Crawfordsville May 5, 1849". There can be no doubt that it belonged to Blackford Condit !

Though his name is not signed to the manuscript anywhere, the information and details recounted indicate that it must have been written by Blackford Condit. The journal is well dated, so we are sure it was written in 1852. At this time Blackford Condit was 23 years old. There is no certain evidence as to whether he took the trip alone or possibly with his mother. He says he left "Ma" in New Jersey when he returned to Terre Haute. Sometimes he says "we and sometimes "I" when he reports his movements. He might be saying "we" to include his fellow passengers.

Mr. Condit graduated from Wabash College in 1854, and later graduated from Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati in 1857. The journal states that he visited an Uncle Jonathan in Cincinnati. The Condit genealogy says that his father's brother Jonathan, who became a minister, was on the faculty of Lane Theological Seminary from 1850 to 1854. The genealogy also says he had an Uncle John (he visits Uncle John in Maysville, Kentucky). Another brother of his father who became a minister was named Robert. (He visits Uncle Robert at Oswego, New York and heard him preach).

Blackford Condit's father's family came from New Jersey. His grandfather, Aaron Condit, who was born in 1794, served the Presbyterian Church at Hanover, New Jersey for some thirty-five years. New Jersey was the home ground of the family, but as several of the family went into the ministry, their calls took them to scattered locations.

It was not until February 26, 1862 that Mr. Condit married Sarah Mills, daughter of Caleb Mills of Wabash College. In the interim, he had been ordained to the ministry, had served two churches and had done post graduate work at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. In 1860 he was not well, and as was the custom at this time, a trip abroad was thought to be helpful. He spent about a year in Europe. He was the minister of the Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute from 1868 to 1875 when his health failed and he became semi-retired, though he still took an active interest in the church. He was a great student of the Bible and its history and wrote learned papers on the subject. He also did a service for Terre Haute in writing The History of Early Terre Haute - 1816-1840.

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Journal of a Trip from Terre Haute, Indiana to New York and return in 1852

Wednesday, August 4th, 1852

Left Terre Haute at 7 o'clock Wednesday eve by packet going at the rate of 4½ miles an hour. Bound for New York City by way of the Lakes.

Thursday Eve. August 5

Arrived at LaFayette about 5 o'clock this afternoon. Have changed boats and will remain here until morning. The weather is cool which makes it pleasant travelling.

Friday 6

Left the City at 7 in the morning. A fine trip up to Logansport which place we passed about 6 o'clock this evening.

Saturday 7th

We reached the beautiful town of Fort Wayne at 4 in the afternoon. Crossed the line between the Hoosier and Buckeye states about 9 in the evening.

Sunday 8th

We were aroused this morning at 4 o'clock being within half a mile of Fort Defiance[1] where we wished to lay by over the Sabbath. Attended preaching in the morning by Rev. Mr. Tucker from Rev. III, 11. Walked over in the afternoon to see the situation of Fort. Nothing remains but some of the embankments which mark the place where it stood.

Monday, 9th

Left Defiance at 4 o'clock in the morning by packet "St. Louis," Captain Petrie. Had a pleasant trip to Toledo, arriving there about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday 10th

Spending the night at Toledo we boarded the Steamer Pack "Southern Michigan" at 7 o'clock in the morning bound for Buffalo stopping at the intermediate points - Monroe, Cleveland and Dunkirk.

Wednesday 11th

Left Dunkirk/(little) after sunrise this morning and are now on our way to Buffalo. We reached Buffalo at 7½ o'clock and after breakfast took the Niagara train for the Falls.

We reached Niagara village in less than no time. Passing over all the hurry, bustle and storm of porter's cries and after seeing my baggage safely lodged at the Falls Hotel[2], we wended our way toward the "Ferry House"[3]. Provoked and wondering that anyone could delay, fondling over trinkets of Indian work when the mighty.....

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.....her going. In truth this afternoon I have had a feast long to be remembered, never to be forgotten. But to be short, I went from the tavern[2] to the Grove[4] thence to the bridge[5] which crosses on to Bath Island[6] thence to Ship Island or Lover's retreat[7] which is connected to Bath Island by a small bridge. Having paid our quarter and registered our names we proceeded forward to Iris or Goat Island[8]. The scenery around this island I shall not attempt to describe. From the Tower extremity of Hog's Back we have a most glorious view of the American Fall. From Prospect Tower[9] may be seen the Horse Show Fall and the rapids above. Biddle's Stairs[10] built in 1829 leads you down within a short distance of the "Cave of the Winds" which is something more than grand. Tomorrow I will go over to the Canadian side.

Thursday 12

Before breakfast saw a beautiful rainbow off the American fall. After breakfast went up toward the Wire bridge[11] to the Maid of the Mist. Had a fine trip well worth seventy-five cents. Crossed the Wire bridge, a wonderful work. It is about three hundred feet above the level of the water and eight hundred from tower to tower. Saw the iron basket used by the workmen while constructing the bridge. From here I proceeded down to the falls on the

Canada side. From below the Clifton House[12] we have a splendid view of the whole, viz. the American, Central and Horseshoe. My next trip was to go to the Museum, the "Camera Obscura"[13], and after having been fitted out with clothing, a party of three of us together with our guide proceeded down the stairs to go under the falls. To describe this temple would be impossible - words are too tame - one must see the height of the cavern bound on one side by a wall of rock and in front by a sheet of falling water, and also must hear the continual roar of the thundering waters which is increased by your nearness. Then the soulful - that awful grandeur which the place inspires.

From the Canada side there is but one view but that is a grand one. Were we to institute a comparison between the two we would say that the C. side gives a far better view of the falls while the American side is endowed with a greater variety of scenery.

This afternoon went out to the Battle Ground - Lundy's Lane[14] and the Burning Spring[15] and Chippewa[16], all worth seeing.

Friday 13th

This morning about sunrise went over to Iris Island. The morning surpasses any other view during the day. Saw beautiful semi-circular rainbows from 3 or 4 different points. I spent my time after breakfast on the American side until after one o'clock.

About two o'clock started for Lewiston by stage, seven miles were soon passed over and we found the"Ontario" at the wharf just ready to set off for Oswego. The scenery between Niagara Village and Lewiston is grand, for some miles you keep along the course of the river. Brock's monument is to be seen many miles off, Queenstown is to be(seen)long before you reach them.

Am now on my way by steamer "Ontario" bound for Oswego - expect to arrive there by 5 o'clock in the morning.

Saturday 14th

Landed at Oswego about six o'clock this morning. Spent the day very pleasantly at Uncle Robert's also spent the Sabbath here. Uncle preached in the morning and evening.

Monday 16th

Left Oswego at 10 o'clock by cars for Syracuse - arrived there about one o'clock in the afternoon. Left on the two o'clock train for Albany through Utica changing cars at Utica. We arrived at Albany at seven o'clock in the evening. We immediately shipped on board the "Hendrick Hudson" bound for New York City. The greater part of the Hudson River scenery we passed during the night but

Tuesday 17th

had an opportunity of scanning a portion of the scenery. Arrived at New York between 6 and 7 in the morning. Crossed the Jersey City ferry and then took the Morristown train for Madison. Hired a conveyance there which brought us to Hanover and from there we were brought to the Old Hill, our headquarters while we remain in Jersey.

Our visiting in Jersey has passed off pleasurably. Have spent the time in Newark, New York, Williamsburg besides country towns and country places.

Have left Ma behind while I am off for home by way of Philadelphia.

Wednesday Sept. 8th 1852

Have come through by stage from Boundbrook to New Brunswick and am waiting for the Philadelphia train. Left in the aforesaid train at 7 in the evening. It was about 10 o'clock when we arrived in Philadelphia. Put up at the Jones Hotel. The following morn

Thursday 9th

took a carriage to view the city. Went first to the Mint - then to Fairmount Water Works and then to Gerard College. The Baltimore train left at 2 o'clock. Had barely time to get my dinner and to get to the Depot.

Arrived at Baltimore quarter after six in the afternoon. Put up at Barnum's Hotel and that for the last time. Saw the "Battle" and Washington's monuments next morning. 17

Friday 10th

Had a long and tedious ride before me to Cumberland a distance of nearly one hundred and eighty miles. Cars got in about 3 in the afternoon. The uneven and broken country and mountain scenery were all very fine. At Cumberland the coaches were ready to receive and bear us away over the mountains to New Weston or West Newton. We went whip and cut the whole night up and down the mountains. Passed over the Little and Big Savage, the Alleghany and last of all Chesnut Ridge - arrived at West Newton at breakfast time, where there was a small boat in readiness to start for Pitsburgh, by which steamer I arrived here about three o'clock. Was at somewhat of a stand whether to remain or go on to Maysville but soon resolved to stay over tomorrow which will be

Sunday 12 Sept.

Monongahela House

Monday Morn Sept 13, 1852

The Sabbath has passed and am now ready to start again on my journey. Yesterday heard two sermons from the Rev. Mr. Paxton of the first Church. Expect to leave on the first boat that sails for Cincinnati.

Tuesday Sept. 14th

On board the steamer "May Flower" bound for Maysville. Left Pittsburgh about 6 o'clock last night. Low water therefore slow sailing. Have passed Steubenville and Wheeling - rather important places.

Wednesday Sept. 15th

Run all night and stopped a short time at Marietta about breakfast time. Fifteen miles below we passed the celebrated Blennerhasset Island.

Thursday 16th

About 11 o'clock this morning we landed at Maysville and as good luck

would have it the Washington omnibus had gone. Anxious to get to Uncle John's I set out by Walker Line Express train. Arrived there in good time for dinner. Had a very pleasant visit staying until the next Monday.

Monday 20th

In the afternoon Uncle J. took me down to Maysville to meet the Portsmouth Packet for Cincinnati. At half past seven boarded the "Sciota" and arrived at Cincinnati 3 o'clock on the morning of

Tuesday 21st

Took breakfast at the Woodruff House. Met Bro. John and Cousin Caroline. 18
Visited the Art Union Room and at 11 o'clock started back with C. to Maysville. Our boat the "Irene" being disabled by the breaking of one of her shafts was compelled to return to the city. The day was far spent when we were again 19
landed at Cin-ti and chartering an omnibus we set out for Walnut Hills. Arrived at Uncle Jonathan's about eight in the eve. The following morn

Wednesday 22nd

After visiting the Seminary building etc, we set out again for Cin-ti to try our luck again on the water. The "Boon" was going at eleven and we were just in time.

Arrived in Maysville after ten in the evening. Stayed all night on the boat. The next morning Thurs.23rd hired a livery stable buggy and rode to Uncle John's before breakfast. Leaving Cousin C. there I returned to the river at ten o'clock just in time for the Packet for Cincinnati. Am now on my way. Will not get to Cinti until eight or nine o'clock tonight.

Friday 24th

Arrived at Cinti last night about half past eight. Boarded the Packet "Statesman" bound for Madison. Did not get off until after twelve. Expect to get to Madison between ten and eleven.

(This ends the journal. It is assumed that he completed his journey home by train)

Notes

1 - Fort Defiance was built in 1794 by General Anthony Wayne. Presently the site of the fort is contained in a city park and is marked by placques and stones. Many old earthworks are still visible.

2 - Falls Hotel - stood at the corner of Main and Falls Streets and burned down in 1855. Neisner's Store stands on this site now.

3 - Ferry House - located near the Falls at the top of the Incline Railway, running down to the ferry landing below. There being no bridge at this location in 1852, a small ferry boat crossed the river to Canada.

4 - Grove - Ferry Grove, an early name for Prospect Park which adjoins the Park.

5 - Bridge - It is called the Goat Island bridge today and there have been three bridges built on the site and a new one further upstream built two years ago.

6 - Bath Island - So called because of the bath houses on it, but renamed Green Island for Andrew Green, President of the Niagara Reservation Commission, after the State took over the property. This island lies between the mainland and Goat Island.

7 - Ship Island or Lover's Retreat (and Brig Island) - small islands in the rapids near Bath and Goat Islands, formerly connected by a small bridge.

8 - Iris or Goat Island - so named because our first settler wintered some goats on the large island, but all died but one billy-goat. When the U.S.-Canada boundry line was established, the commissioners tried to beautify the name to Iris Island, but were unsuccessful.

9 - Prospect Tower - a stone tower erected on a jutting point of rock of the Horseshoe Falls, called Terrapin Point and Terrapin Tower because of the large terrapins who used to sun themselves on the rocks.

10- Biddle's Stairs - a perpendicular stairway built down the bank of the gorge on Goat Island, built with money from Nicholas Biddle, the financier, to take people down to the Cave of the Winds below.

11- Wire Bridge - this was the first suspension bridge built in 1848 by Charles Ellet as a footbridge and changed to a railroad bridge in 1855 by John A. Roebling about two miles down the Niagara River Gorge from the Falls, and was the first bridge connecting U.S. and Canada.

12- The Clifton House - was located across the River from the American Falls and commanding a magnificant panoramic view of all three Falls. The first and second Clifton Houses burned and today the Sheraton-Brock Hotel replaces them. Oakes Gardens are on the location of the old Clifton House. The Sheraton-Brock Hotel was named originally for Gen.Sir Isaac Brock, the British general killed at the Battle of Queenston Heights in the War of 1812.

13- Camera Obscura - This museum was established about 1830 by Col. Barnett as an educational venture. He traveled all over the world getting specimens of wild animals and relics to show to the people who came there. He also hired Wild Bill Hickock to bring his Wild West Show there once.

When the Canadian Government established Queen Victoria Park surrounding the Falls and river area in 1887 to complement the New York State Reservation on the other side of the river, all buildings were moved or torn down, and so the museum was moved across the river in a building just like the former one. It existed on the American side until 1960, although sadly commercialized, when it was moved into a building on the Canadian side again, when the owners were forced out by the enlargement of the State Park. It is now in the old Spirella Company building on the Canadian end of the Rainbow Bridge.

14- Battle Ground, Lundy's Lane - was fought on this road at Drummondville.

15- Burning Spring - still a tourist attraction on the bluff overlooking the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side.

16- Chippewa - a small Canadian village about two miles upstream from Niagara Falls on Chippewa Creek. The Battle of Chippewa was fought here in the War of 1812.

17- The Battle and Washington Monuments - Battle Monument is located at Calvert and Fayette Streets and was built in memory of those slain in the Battle of Baltimore, September 12-14, 1814. The cornerstone was laid on the first anniversary of the battle.
Washington Monument is located on Mount Vernon Place and was erected between 1815 and 1829. It is said to be the first monument built to George Washington.

18- Art Union Room - The Art Union Hall was a building on the northwest corner of Fourth and Sycamore Streets, which housed an exhibition hall large enough to show 300 pictures and also offices.

19- Walnut Hills - and Lane Seminary - Walnut Hills was one of the earliest suburban settlements near Cincinnati. It was out on McMillan Street. The section below McMillan was annexed in 1850; above McMillan in 1870. The latter included Lane Theological Seminary which went out of existence just a short while ago. Lane Seminary is of great interest to scholars.

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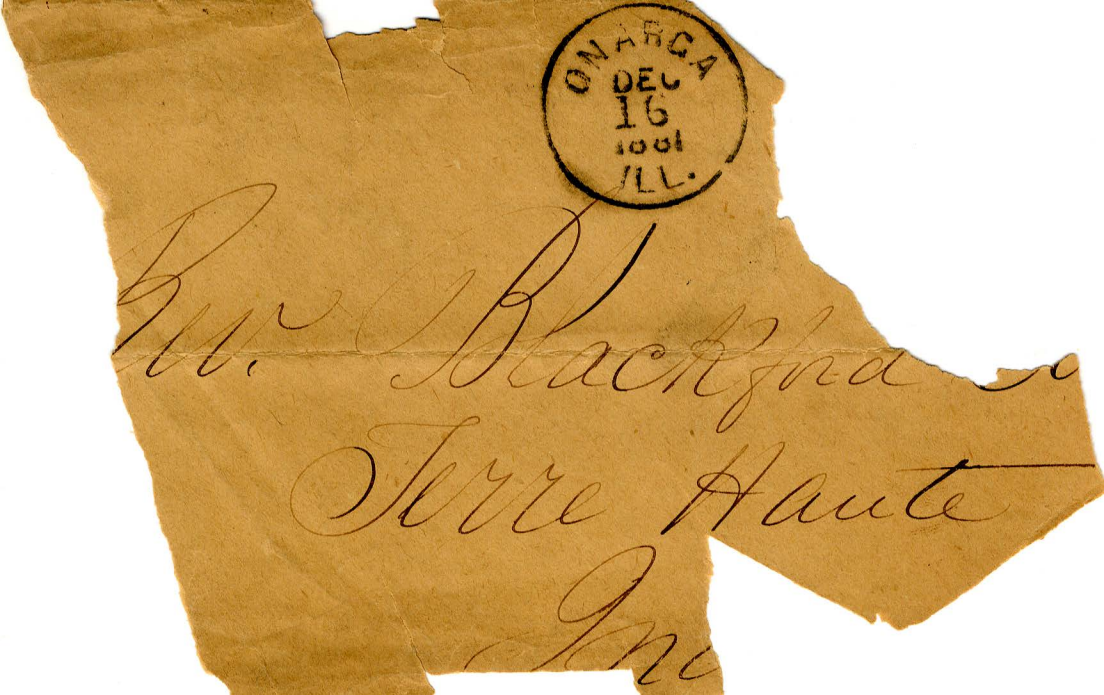
Copy of obit of Rev Joseph D. Condit
1850 letter to B. Condit from R. B. Lamon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Obituary Notices of my
Uncle Rev Joseph D. Condit

The Rev. Joseph D. Condit—

You have already recorded his death at South Hadley, Mass. Sept. 22. 1847, aged 42. Mr. Condit's native place was Hanover, N. J. He was the second son of the Rev. Aaron Condit, for a long time pastor of the Presbyterian Church there who still survives at a very advanced age.

Mr. C. the subject of this brief notice, was graduated with the highest honors of his class, at Princeton College, N. J. Sept. 1826, and was licensed to preach the gospel in 1829. On the 1st of Sept. 1830, he was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, L. I, where he remained five years, faithfully discharging the duties of the ministry. Finding the climate unfavorable, and his health unequal to the labors of so extensive a parish, he took a dismission from East Hampton in June, 1835; and in July, of the same year, was installed pastor of the Church in South Hadley, where after laboring twelve years, his "sun went down at noon." Rarely has a pastor been more beloved, or more deeply and universally lamented by his people. The day of his funeral was a day of great mourning in South Hadley. Almost the whole population came together, to participate in the solemnities of the occasion, and to follow his remains to the grave. The sermon was preached

ng the Rev. Dr. Humphrey of Pittsfield, from Jer. 3. 15, I will give you pastors after mine own heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

The limits necessarily assigned to obituary notices in a weekly news paper, preclude much enlargement upon the character and labors of the deceased. We have it from the mouth of God himself, that "the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance." We may therefore speak of their talents and their virtues. It is but simple truth to say of Mr. Condit, that he possessed a remarkably ~~sound~~ sound and well balanced mind. If no one faculty stood out with extraordinary prominence, there was a symmetry, a harmony of gifts and developments in his mental constitution with which but few men are favored. First of all, there was the broad basis of plain common sense; of a clear and solid judgment. He looked at things as they were, and saw the relations of truth as they lie in nature and the word of God. In all his views and opinions, he was eminently conservative, at the same time that he allowed ample scope for the freest investigation, and kept his eye open to the first radiation of a new light, from whatsoever quarter it might come. His preferences, whatever they might be, were never allowed to overmaster his convictions. While all his other faculties

moved freely in their proper spheres, reason kept the throne and held the balances.

The social and moral traits of Mr. Condit's character, were finely developed and strikingly prominent. From his youth up, he was remarkably sedate, reflective and conscientious. Humility was a lovely feature of his character; and so was the warmth of his friendship; and so was his universal good will. "He esteemed others better than himself," and rather shunned notoriety than courted it. We have heard of men in the sacred profession, who could put it on and off at pleasure; ~~who ought never to enter the pulpit, or always to stay there.~~ Mr. Condit bore no relation to that class of incumbents. What he was on the Sabbath, you found him every day of the week, "Blameless, vigilant, full of good behaviour, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre." He was an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in purity.

Few ministers could adopt the language of Paul to the Corinthians, with so much propriety as he might have done, "Our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our consciences that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."

As a preacher Mr. Condit stood high. He "renounced

the hidden things of dishonesty; — not handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth," commending himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. His sermons were well studied, scriptural, sound in doctrine, full of practical instruction, and oftentimes pungent in the application. The arrangement of his topics, argument, and appeals, was natural, consecutive, convergent. His style was simple, chaste and unambitious; — but though rarely in the latter years of his ministry ornate, it was often strikingly glowing, elevated and beautiful. His elocution was free, distinct, and natural. His manner in the pulpit, as became an "Ambassador of Christ," was grave and dignified, though his favorite theme was as it should be the cross of Christ, he "shunned not to declare all the counsel of God," and "the blessing of many ready to perish came upon him." There was a powerful revival under his ministry on Long Island, and there were precious "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" upon his church and people in South Hadley. Upon the Mount-Holyoke Seminary, which he ever regarded as belonging to his ministerial charge, the Spirit was poured out almost every year, and at such seasons he labored much for the spiritual good of that interesting school.

In his pastoral gifts and labor, Mr. Condit was distinguished above many. He had a happy talent of gaining the affections and confidence of his flock.

His mild and gentlemanly department, his unassuming manners, his radiant face, his pious conversation, and his tender fervent prayer, made him welcome in all the families of his charge, whether in health or sickness, in joy or sorrow. Wherever he came, he was received as "an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile."

As a friend, nobody ever found him false or wavering. No one it is believed ever failed of esteeming and loving him more, the closer and the longer the intimacy.

As a husband, and the father of an eight-times stricken orphan, he was all that the fondest wife and most affectionate daughter could desire.

But as true and fervent piety, is the highest style of a minister, it seemed fitting to reserve this as the last topic in the present hasty sketch. Mr. Condit appeared to those who knew him best, like Barnabas, "a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." He "remembered his Creator in the days of his youth," and was admitted to his father's church at the age of seventeen. From that hour it is believed, he looked forward with desire to the christian ministry, and kept the pulpit steadily in his eye, till he entered it, in 1829. From the day of his ordination to the day of his death, he magnified his office, and regarded it as the highest earthly honor and privilege, to preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ." Always

slender and of a delicate constitution, he anticipated an early death, and felt the importance of doing what his hand found to do with his might. Under this impression, he bore up too long, while his strength was rapidly wasting, and his friends were sorry to see him in the pulpit. When, early in the last spring he found himself constrained, by extreme debility, to suspend his labor, it cost him a hard struggle; but through grace, he was enabled to say, "The will of the Lord be done." From that time, his public labors entirely ceased, though he was able to ride abroad till within about three weeks of his death, and prevailing hopes of his recovery were entertained. As his end approached, and before the fatal turn which his disorder took, his thoughts as it appears from his private papers, were much employed upon unseen and eternal things. Under date of Sabbath, July 13th, he writes, "My mind is much upon the other world. O for a purer firmer faith." Three days after, "Whether we live or die we are the Lord's." "The Bible seems more precious to me than ever. I want its very words to meditate on, deeply and constantly. I desire to lie cheerfully and submissively in God's hand, and wait his will."

When he found that the time of his departure was at hand, in giving directions for his funeral he said among other things, "I wish to have the service conducted without any show, and in a humble

manner. Let Grace, Grace, Grace! written in large letters be pinned to my shroud."

Though extremely weak, during the last fortnight, his mind was perfectly clear to the last; and while he lay like a confiding child in the arms of its parent, waiting for his change, his prayers and his conversation were in heaven.

From much, in the same strain, that was taken down as it fell from his lips, there is room here, to borrow but a few sentences. Sabbath evening, Sept. 5, "I feel that my hope of recovery is small. I have only to say, though he slay me yet will I trust in him. An eternity with God, without sin, is an object of infinite desire." At another time, to those about him, "Christians be steadfast in the Lord. As for one, I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that I shall stand with him in the latter day upon the earth." His desire was to die on the Sabbath; but on one occasion he said, "I wish to honor the Sabbath, and not to be buried on that day." It was on Sabbath evening that he fell asleep. At another time he said, "The government of God has always been one of my favorite themes. I have loved to preach it, and I now rejoice in it. I do not wish to go anywhere but where God is, where I can see his face to perfection." On the day he died, being told it was Sabbath morning, he broke out,

Welcome sweet day of rest, &c.

"I will wait on the Lord till my change come. When I get safely over Jordan, and dwell with God in heaven, how happy shall I be to welcome my dear people, as one after another they pass over to meet me there." These were some of his last words. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

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Written by Rev.
Humphrey of
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Published in New
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Oct. 23. 1847.

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Mr. B. Condit
Terre Haute
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Condit

Nebraska Encampment
10 miles north of Salt
May 1st 1850

Dear Black,

Yours of the 8th of April was received a few day ago and I gladly take this, the earliest opportunity of dropping you a few lines in return.

You have not censured me quite so severely as some others. Some of my literary friends. For this I feel thankful and shall try to repay you for it by asking you to my wedding. Oh! yes. If I get married first you are to wait on me. And vice versa. Don't forget that old Chum.

Well Condit this is a new life to me but, to use a homely and a somewhat worse comparison, it is becoming as easy and natural as an old shoe. Our company left Danville the 14th of March and we have been camping out ever since. I have slept in a house but four or five nights since starting and my health has never been better with the exception of some cold that I have had. If my health should continue good the trip will be of almost incalculable benefit in strengthening my constitution. Then, even in a literary point of view, I may not loose much as I will be enabled to study harder after my return. The idea of being left so far behind, however, by this go-ahead age I don't like

very well. To loose the advantages enjoyed at Wabash College is what I particularly dislike. But so it must be. At least for a few years. Perhaps for ever. If ever you see all of the boys there give them all my respects and tell them that I esteem education more highly perhaps than than they think.

I still think of studying a profession & if I do the one is decided upon but it will be several years yet before I commence it, as I do not expect to be back from California for two or three years. I hope I will hear you make your graduating Speech and yet get to see that fine banner. It must be a fine thing a very fine thing indeed. How I would liked to have stepped in on the night of our exhibition. We must have beat the Lyceum as you said bad.

We arrived at St. Joseph the 19th of April and staid there till two days ago when we started for our present encampment which is on the west side of the river in the Indian territory. We have to watch the red-skins a little to prevent them from stealing our cattle and horses. Some of the Indians that we have seen are tall, athletic manly looking fellows. Straight as an arrow. But generally speaking they lack of being the men even physically that the Anglo Saxon are. They still stick to their wild costume notwithstanding they mingle so much with their civilized neighbors. I have got my first pretty squaw to see yet. There is no danger of my marrying any of them

St. Joe is the most business little place at this season of the year I expect in the Union. The Streets are thronged to overflowing by Strangers making preperations to Start acros the plains And every merchant, hotel keeper and mechanic is just coining money. One of our mess a saddley has gone to work and is making about twenty dollars a week. The number that will make St Joe a starting point cannot be accurately come at but can not I think fall much short of thirty thousand. I suppose that upwards of ten thousand have now crosed the rivver. They are going by all manner of contrivances from a wheel barrow to Six horse coaches. A body of forty men started acros some time ago on foot, expecting to get provisions along at the Forts. There is no doubt in my mind but there will be a great deal of Suffering on the route this season as many of the teams are give out. They are now many of them poor and heavy loaded. "Many sweat and bled for gold." What fools men are sometimes! But so it ever has and ever will be I Suppose. Men will go almost any length for gold.

Condit, excuse this, the blots, &c. Writing accommodations are not first rate in Camps and a great deal of writing to do. I have not taken time yet to write even to my "Bright Particular."

Direct your next to Sacramento City I will still try to drop you a few lines as we may meet with opportunities of sending back. Remind John of me. I am almost afraid he has forgotten there is such a fellow.

Yours truly R. B. Lamon

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Helen Conditt's ancestry

from Helen Crawford
executor of Condit estate

Miss Florence Crawford
507 N. 7th St.
Terre Haute, Indiana

x-'00

D.A.R. CHART

THIS IS THE LINEAGE OF
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PARENTS OF 1ST GEN

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NOTES AND REFERENCES

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Only Survivors

Helen Condit - Granddaughter of Caleb Mills

Mrs May Helmer gregg wife of Chas. Moorer Gregg who was son of Julia Mills Gregg

Julia Gregg Beamer ~~was~~ is daughter of Julia Mills Gregg -

Caleb Mills Children Sarah Mills Condit
Helen Condit only living descendant

Julia Mills Gregg only survivor
Julia Gregg Beamer

Marshall Mills died without issue

Emma [illegible]

, Mrs Julia Gregg & Mrs Sarah Condit settled all business satisfactorily when Caleb Mills died

written
aug 29, 1957
for
Helen Condit by Florence Crawford

Caleb Mills married

Children:

1. Marshall unmarried deceased
2. Two Children died under ten yrs of age
3. Sarah married Blackford Condit. Both deceased
4. Julia " O.M. Gregg Both deceased

No 3 Sarah Condit's Children

Emma unmarried deceased

~~Alfred~~ Howe Allen " "

Joseph married, no issue both "

Helen unmarried only heir

No 4 Julia married O.M. Gregg, Children

Children:

~~Frederic~~ M. Gregg married both dec

Charles Gregg. " deceased

Frederic Gregg:

Children:

Julia married George Beamer both living

Chas. Gregg m wife still living

aug 29th 1957

Caleb Mills' Family

Caleb Mills married both deceased

Children:

2 died under ten years of age

1 Marshall, unmarried died young

1 Alfred Howe " deceased

1 Joseph, married - no issue
both deceased

1 daughter Emma unmarried
unmarried

1 " Helen only heir
of Caleb Mills